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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1632

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Janssens et al.

Appl. No. 08/896,053

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For:

Method of Inducing Vasodilation

and Treating Pulmonary

Hypertension Using Adenoviral-Mediated Transfer of the Nitric

Oxide Synthase Gene

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Anne Marie S. Beckerleg

Atty. Docket: 0609.4280001

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 24, 1999 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.